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TITLE: TELESCOPIC LOAD-CARRYING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE
OPERATION THEREOF

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 4, 2006, Applicants enclose herewith PTO-Form 1449 together with three non-English references, namely DE 24 09 504, DE 32 37 347, and DD 74 496. These references were previously submitted in Applicant's December 4, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement; however, Applicants provide herein below a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference.

DE 24 09 504 A to Goldhahn refers to a telescopic table displaceable in a plane parallel with a support surface for accommodating at least one storage aid, e.g. container, box, etc., with a bottom table and with an intermediate table and a top table and with a drive system between the bottom table and the intermediate table and a transmission system between the intermediate table and the top table for displacing the top table depending on the relative movement between the bottom table and the intermediate table in longitudinal guides. The drive system and the transmission system are endless chain drives consisting of a motor, deviating rollers and the chain as transmission means which are arranged in a transmission plane rectangular with respect to a top face of the top table so a greater high of the telescopic table is needed.

DD 74 496 to Goldhahn is a former application of the same inventor to *DE 24 09 504 A* and shows no further details than those described above. *DD 74 496* differs from *DE 24 09 504 A* in the arrangement of the driving system between the bottom table and the intermediate table with a motor and gear-wheels mounted on the bottom table and gear-racks on the intermediate table. The

transmission means of the driving system are arranged in a transmission plane rectangular with respect to a top face of the top table and need a greater height of the telescopic table.

Neither DE 24 09 504 A nor DD 74 496 shows the arrangement as recited in Applicants' claims: wherein the guide systems (42, 43, 44, 45) are disposed between the intermediate table (17) and the bottom table (16) and between the intermediate table (17) and the top table (18) in guide planes (47, 48) spaced apart from one another and extending parallel with a bearing surface (26) of the top table (18), and at least one other guide system (79, 80) forming a guide plane (78) oriented perpendicular thereto and parallel with a displacement direction of the top table (18), and the transmission system (68) incorporating transmission means (70) being disposed in a transmission plane (76) extending at an angle (77) with respect to a top face (62) of the top table (18) and parallel with the displacement direction.

DE 32 37 347 A1 to Theobald refers to a telescopic displaceable transport table for goods or containers, boxes, etc.
~~On both sides of the table are swivel-mounted securing means~~

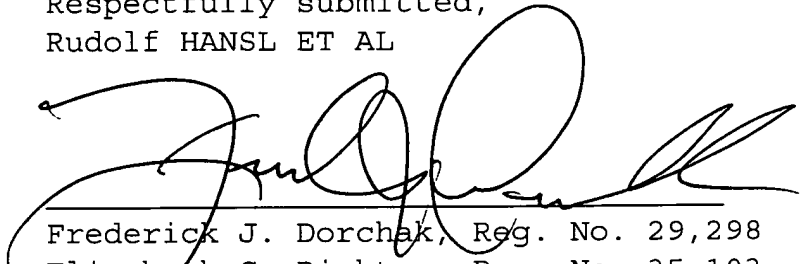
movable with respect to a plane face of the table between a position under the plane and a position where the means overlap the plane face of the table and engage with recesses in transport-means of the goods. Drive means for the securing means are specified as pneumatic or hydraulic cylinders.

The coupling of the securing means and the transport-means needs an exact position of the transport-means on the table and is very different from the Applicants' locking mechanism on side walls of the table in the form of double lever elements as specified in claims 64 to 70 and shown in FIGS. 6 to 8.

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required; however, if a fee should be required for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 with three (3) references

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